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MICHAEL EPSTEIN

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BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION MECHANISM THAT PRESERVES THE INTEGRITY
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE under 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002,
which sets forth a final rejection the following remarks are
submitted herewith:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 19 and amend independent Claim 18 and
claim 20 as follows, where a marked-up version of the amended
Claims 18 and 20 is attached as Appendix A:

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18. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for determining an access status
comprising the steps of:

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